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REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending in this application. Claim 1 has been amended. Claim 4 has been canceled.

Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 USC §102(c) as being anticipated by Lomas et al (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0097421). Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lomas et al (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0097421) in view of Parry (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0030664). Applicants would like to call the Examiner's attention to the text of the Office Action mailed November 2, 2005. There were what appear to be numerous typographical errors. For example, in the first rejection, the Examiner cited the publication number for Lomas after the name Parry. In several text paragraphs, the Examiner referred to Kimbell. The Applicants have responded to this Office Action based on only two references: Lomas and Parry. If there are other references the Examiner intended to cite, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner withdraw this Office Action and issue a new First Office Action.

Claim 1, as amended, claims a system for installing a printer driver for a printer selected by a user as the printer the user wants to install connected on a network, comprising: a printer driver for the selected printer, wherein the printer includes a display panel; an installer, located on a host device connected on the network, responsive to activation, for listening for the printer's identification, and responsive to receipt of the printer's identification, for installing the printer driver on the host device; and a beacon, located at the selected printer, responsive to an input comprising the user accessing a menu on the selected printer's display panel and selecting a button on the menu for activating the beacon, for broadcasting the printer's identification on the network.

Nothing in Lomas or Parry, whether taken alone or in combination, teaches or suggests Applicants' system for installing a printer driver on a network. In Lomas, the printer (which is typically a new printer on the network), includes "a network card 18, upon

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sensing an occurrence of a network connection, causes printer 12, under control of host processor 16, to issue a Service Location Protocol (SLP) packet onto network 10.” See paragraph 14, lines 1-4 of Lomas. In contrast, Applicants’ system uses a beacon, located at the selected printer, responsive to an input comprising the user accessing a menu on the selected printer’s display panel and selecting a button on the menu for activating the beacon, for broadcasting the printer’s identification on the network. The user follows simple instructions and physically selects which printer the user wishes to install. The user physically walks over to the printer he/she wishes to install and activates the beacon. The beacon broadcasts the printer’s identification information, which unambiguously tells the installer which printer to install for that user. A specific printer was chosen by the user, removing any ambiguity there may have been in the list of possible printers to work with.

Parry, as best it is understood, teaches customizable control panel software which enables a user to access, manage and update peripheral devices. As far as Parry is understood, all the control panel software is installed at either a workstation 20 or a remote workstation 42 (see paragraph 67) or accessible via a URL through a Web page. Nothing in Parry suggests that the customizable control panel might be located at the peripheral device. Indeed, a function of Parry is to enable a Network Administrator to perform certain functions remotely on peripheral devices (see paragraph 71). In contrast, Applicants’ system uses a beacon, located at the selected printer, responsive to an input comprising the user accessing a menu on the selected printer’s display panel and selecting a button on the menu for activating the beacon, for broadcasting the printer’s identification on the network.

Applicants believe that Claims 1-3, 5-11 are in condition for allowance.

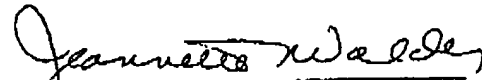
No additional fee is believed to be required for this amendment; however, the undersigned Xerox Corporation attorney hereby authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025.

Reconsideration of this application and allowance thereof are earnestly solicited. In the event the Examiner considers a personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this

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case, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned Attorney for Applicants, Jeannette Walder.

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